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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois State Senator Edward D. Maloney, a proud
3 Chicago "South-Sider", was born in Evergreen Park; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney attended Lewis University and
5 earned his bachelor's degree in political science; his passion
6 for education led him to later earn his master's degree in
7 education from Chicago State University; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney served as a teacher, guidance
9 counselor, administrator, and coach at the Oak Lawn High
10 School; he also served as a manager and professional developer
11 for the Chicago Park District; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney's passion for education
13 exemplified itself through his position as Dean and Principal
14 of Brother Rice High School in Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney began his career as a legislator
16 when he served in the 87th General Assembly as a member of the
17 Illinois House of Representatives from 1992 to 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney's desire to assist the citizens of
19 Chicago's Southside led to his bid for election to the Illinois
20 State Senate in 2002, where he has served the families of the

1 18th District; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney's background in education
3 prepared him for his role as Chairperson for the Senate Higher
4 Education Committee, which he has chaired since 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney has brought real world and
6 professional education experience to the Senate, advocating
7 for innovative ways to assist students and make college more
8 affordable through the Monetary Award Program; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney helped the cause of education by
10 sponsoring legislative initiatives that expand student access
11 to colleges and universities by lowering the age requirement
12 for those taking the General Equivalency Test (GED) and
13 allowing Illinois residents to rehabilitate their defaulted
14 student loans; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney has sought to reduce the sharp
16 decline in the number of professional nurses across the State
17 by proposing legislation that would provide scholarship
18 incentives to attract more individuals to the profession; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney has served on and led numerous
20 other committees during his tenure in the Senate, including the
21 Senate Committees on Labor (Vice Chairperson), Appropriations

1 I, Appropriations II, Redistricting, Transportation, Consumer
2 Protection, Deficit Reduction, Local Government, Labor and
3 Commerce (Vice Chairperson), and Revenue; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney has a strong record of protecting
5 children by proposing harsher punishments for school employees
6 who failed to disclose their sexually-based offenses, while
7 also educating children about internet safety and the harmful
8 effects of steroid abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney has sought to ensure the health of
10 Illinois citizens by proposing and passing legislation
11 increasing emergency resources for persons with disabilities
12 and criminalizing fraudulent health insurance policies; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney has always been a champion of
14 evaluating educational programs on their performance measures
15 and seeking to better prepare educators for the struggles
16 within the classroom through teacher-to-teacher mentoring
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney was named "Legislature of the
19 Year" in 2008 by the Illinois State Crime Commission and the
20 Associated Firefighters of Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney and his wife, Norine, currently

1 live in Chicago, where he raised his 4 sons, Brian, Matthew,
2 Daniel, and Martin; he has also been blessed with 10 amazing
3 and energetic grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Maloney's retirement from the Illinois
5 Senate will not only deeply affect the performance of the
6 Senate Softball Team, but will more importantly affect everyone
7 who serves here as we will lose his wisdom, humor, and deep
8 dedication; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Edward
11 D. Maloney for his years of service to the people of Illinois
12 and honor him with this resolution; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Senator Maloney as a symbol of our gratitude and
15 with our best wishes for his future endeavors.